

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 550 – SB 943

March 11, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Deletes the authority of local governments to have open burning laws more stringent than state law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Revenue - \$25,000/Recurring/Hamilton County

Other Fiscal Impact – Of the four counties impacted by this bill, one or more may experience a recurring decrease in expenditures to administer and enforce an alternative open burning law. Other counties may experience a recurring increase in expenditures. Such expenditure impacts are dependent upon unknown factors. Therefore, any net change to local government expenditures cannot be quantified.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004269): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the director of the municipal or county air program for certain local governments to issue a waiver from open burning regulations, when there is no other practical, safe, and lawful method of disposal, and the burning is conducted in a manner to protect public health and the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing such waivers will not result in significant changes in air quality.
- Any change in local government revenue resulting from any exemption is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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